

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

The entire town of Brownell, Tex., has been destroyed by fire.

Colorado women will run a woman for congress two years hence.

Roosevelt has given up hunting for a few days in order to write a book.

The French cabinet has resigned after a bitter altercation with Delcasse.

Argentina has dismissed the Bolivian minister and Bolivia is preparing for war.

The Union Pacific has sold Santa Fe stock to avoid trouble with the government.

A bronze bust of James J. Hill has just been completed and will be sent to the Seattle fair.

Six men were killed in Pennsylvania while digging up dynamite that had failed to explode.

Fifty thousand men are needed in the harvest fields of the West to take care of the crops.

Sixteen miners were killed by the explosion of fire damp in a Prussian mine and many others were taken out unconscious.

Sir Robert Hart has practically decided to retire from the position of director general of Chinese customs on account of ill health.

Miss Wanmaker is to marry the son of a French count.

More than 5,000 people left Portland to attend the Seattle fair on Portland day.

Don Jaime, son of Don Carlos, the pretender, has been barred from France.

American bankers will demand a share in the Chinese loan of over \$27,000,000.

Indicted sugar trust officials have been given more time to prepare their defense.

An Ohio man has been arrested for embezzling \$13,500 given to him by a woman to invest.

Another aeronaut has appeared with a machine in which he says he will cross the English channel.

A clerk of the Adams Express company at Chicago has confessed to stealing \$10,000 which disappeared a week ago.

Victoria, B. C., officers are investigating the many marriages of white girls to Chinese. A number of them have been found held as slaves.

Prince Ito says Japan will help China to become a modern nation.

Mexico is preparing for an outbreak that is expected in the south.

More earthquakes have occurred in Greece and the people are panic stricken.

Despite the assertion of officials, the streetcar strike at Pittsburgh, is far from settled.

Professor Matteucci, director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius, died while at his work.

An Italian laborer on a railroad in Colorado became enraged and fatally shot three of his countrymen.

James J. Hill says if the people would pay less attention to the new tariff the country would be better off.

Count Boni says he is to marry Marjorie Gould, daughter of George Gould and niece of the count's former wife.

British Columbian officials are charged with discriminating against American halibut fishermen and favoring the Japanese.

The government is to issue bonds for the entire cost of the Panama canal.

A slight earthquake was felt at Sanat Barbara, Cal., but no damage done.

An American is sure he recognized Leon Ling, murderer of Elsie Sigel, in London.

A strike may be declared by all employees of the American Smelting & Refining company.

Mrs. Eddy, founder and leader of the Christian Science denomination, has just passed her 88th birthday.

All miners in England may go on a strike in support of the Scotch miners who are fighting a reduction in wages.

Eight anarchists arrested at Stockholm on the charge of having conspired to assassinate the czar of Russia, have been exiled.

The Japanese government has not yet decided whether or not Ambassador Takahira will be continued as ambassador to the United States.

The Union Pacific railroad has claimed a 200 foot strip of land through the town of Brighton, Col., which is now covered with store buildings.

A son has been born to the Princess de Sagan.

The shah of Persia has fled to Russia for protection.

WEEDS OUT WEAKLINGS.

Japanese Soldiers Drill for Another War With Russia.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 21.—Discussing the action of military officers in placing the lives of their men in jeopardy by exposure to a scorching sun while on drill, a military expert here today said:

"The drilling of troops during the most unfavorable weather is in conformity with the established principle of the Japanese general staff to eliminate weaklings from the fighting line and to have only the most sturdy troops remain in the organizations which would be called upon to stand the first shock in case of war. All soldiers showing constitutional weakness, who do not perish under the drastic training, are placed in the reserves."

"During last December, an infantry brigade was ordered to scale Mount Fujiyama during a blinding blizzard and over 30 men were lost during the ascent. A great popular outbreak was narrowly averted at the time, but the general staff explained the order which resulted in the heavy loss by stating that it was necessary to insure the men to both cold and heat, even though lives were sacrificed, in view of the inevitable struggle which is pending with Russia in Manchuria."

"The present drilling of the troops in the stifling heat which sweeps over Japan in the summer indicates that popular disapproval has not influenced the general staff in instituting more humane methods in the conditioning of the troops."

ESTABLISHES NEW RECORD.

Wright Flies 80 Minutes and Covers 70 Miles.

Washington, July 21.—Establishing a new record for aviation in America, Orville Wright in the Wright aeroplane late yesterday at Fort Meyer made a spectacular flight of 1 hour, 20 minutes and 45 seconds' duration. The longest previous flight was 74 minutes, made by Mr. Wright at Fort Meyer last fall.

Several thousand persons saw the most daring feat of aviation yet accomplished. The machine traveled about 70 miles, as was estimated by Wilbur Wright, and at one time during the flight the height attained was between 260 and 270 feet, exceeding the highest point ever reached by a heavier than air machine on this continent. The most wonderful part of the flight was the execution of three complete figure eights.

Mr. Wright met every requirement set forth by the government except that of carrying one passenger and making the five mile straightaway run. Both of these requirements probably could have been met, but it is the brothers' intention to get their machine in perfect condition before attempting the official flights. The Wrights declare that the machine is working much better than required, but that they want to have several more trials before the official test.

Wilbur Wright, replying to a comment that the flight yesterday would have covered the width of the English channel, which Hubert Latham unsuccessfully attempted to cross Monday, said it would have been possible for his brother to cross from France to England and to return to France again without landing. He also remarked that it would have been easy to continue yesterday's flight as far as Baltimore.

HERMANN TRIAL IN FALL.

Wickersham Orders Clean-Up of Land Fraud Cases.

Washington, July 21.—In the remarks of representative Tawney, printed in the Congressional Record this morning, appears this quotation from a letter of Attorney General Wickersham of recent date:

"I have given instructions in all cases in which Mr. Heney is retained to make careful examination of the cases and, if they cannot be brought to trial within reasonable time with any prospect of success, that the indictments be dismissed, and have caused some indictments to be dismissed under these instructions."

Inquiry at the Department of Justice today brought forth the statement that "Binger Hermann will be brought to trial at Portland early this coming fall. Mr. Heney will personally conduct the prosecution."

Victory for Americans.

Pekin, July 21.—On account of the failure of the negotiations at the recent meeting of bankers in London and Paris, an attempt is being made at Pekin to close quickly the Hankow railway loan by increasing the amount so as to give Americans equal participation and not reduce the original allotment to the other three powers—Great Britain, France and Germany. This arrangement was agreed to by the Chinese foreign board Saturday and the four days' negotiations ended with the consultations of foreign bankers.

Export Argentina Wheat.

Buenos Ayres, July 21.—During the first five months of this year the exportations of wheat amounted to 77,700,000 bushels. A decree has been published modifying the law prohibiting the importation of cattle from certain countries, so that those countries may send cattle to the exposition of 1910. The government has also sent instructions to our minister in Washington to agree with the bureau of American republics on a program.

Gold Strike in Sierra County.

Nevada, City, Cal., July 21.—Scores of miners from this place, Alleghany and other camps are stampeding into American hill, a camp in Sierra county, where a vein of gold ore assaying \$3,000 to the ton has been discovered.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

ELECTRIC LINE ASSURED.

Articles of Incorporation of Farmers' Line Filed at Pendleton.

Pendleton—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Farmers' Railway & Navigation company, which proposes to build and operate an electrical railroad system in Umatilla county. The first unit will be a road between the towns of Umatilla, on the Columbia, and Milton, in the heart of the fruit and grain belt of the east end of the county. The company behind the scheme is incorporated for \$250,000, and it is announced that surveys are already in the field prepared to locate the right of way. The county court has also been asked for franchises over certain roads of the county. This organization is the result of electric road construction by the Farmers' unions of the county. A committee has been investigating the matter for several weeks. One of the men understood to be behind the development scheme is Dr. W. R. Campbell, one of the prominent wheat growers of the county, and state organizer for the Farmers' union. The incorporators of the scheme are: Charles A. Hill, R. O. Earnheart, A. A. Cole. The capital stock of the Farmers' Railroad & Navigation company is divided into 2,500 shares of \$100 each. In addition to the main line of electric road from the Columbia to the center of the wheat belt, articles of incorporation also permit branch lines, the maintenance of a fleet of steamers on the Columbia, and construction of telegraph and telephone lines. This railroad project will be in competition with one for which articles of incorporation were filed a week ago by Dr. C. J. Smith, A. R. Turner and Douglas Belts, and which proposes to construct a network of electric roads throughout Umatilla county, beginning at Pilot Rock and passing through the new irrigation districts.

Deschutes Land Ready to Open.

Salem—After a session lasting the greater part of two days, the desert land board has granted the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company authority to open up for settlement about 2,500 acres of irrigated lands in Eastern Oregon. Roscoe Howard, of the Deschutes corporation, talked to the board for two days, and finally convinced them the land was ready for the settler, though the board had before decided to hold up the tracts until a personal inspection could be made by the members of the desert land board in order to determine if the land was properly irrigated under the terms of the agreement with the irrigation company.

School Heads to Meet June 28.

Salem—The annual convention of county school superintendents has been called by J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, to meet in his office Monday, June 28. Among the topics to be considered are school supervision, how it may be made more effective; school libraries, how to use them; annual institutes, most important subject to emphasize for all institutes this year; school sanitation, what has been done, what should be done; school board convention, value of, how to conduct.

Summer School Crowded.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The enrollment in the summer school of the University of Oregon is more than twice that of any previous year. The registration includes teachers from all over the state, as well as a number of students who wish to lighten their work for the coming year. A number of special lectures have been engaged from outside the state. Dr. Stuart, of Leland Sand university, having charge of the department of English literature.

Delegates to Irrigation Congress.

Salem—J. N. Teal, president of the state conservative commission, has appointed five delegates to the National Irrigation congress. They are Frank J. Miller, of Albany; Principal J. R. Wilson, of Portland academy, Portland; Professor F. G. Young, University of Oregon, Eugene; State Senator J. N. Hart, of Baker City, and J. C. Stevens, of the United States geological survey, Portland.

Railroad Man in Southern Oregon.

Medford—John F. Stevens, formerly chief engineer of the Panama canal, visited this city last week under the assumed name of Sampson. In company with Dr. J. F. Reddy, vice president of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, and J. G. Rogers, a former railroad contractor, Stevens was taken over the lines of the Pacific & Eastern and then on through the Cascades by way of Crater lake and through Central Oregon up the Deschutes to Bend.

Clatskanie Sawmill Burns.

Clatskanie—The Kratz & Anderson shingle mill at Hazel Grove, one and a half miles from here, was burned to the ground while the manager and crew were attending the Clatskanie celebration. A spark from the sawdust pile, which was supposed to be safely out, is thought to have caused the damage. The mill was constructed only last winter and gave employment to a crew of ten men.

Lumber Company Complains.

Salem—The Bridal Veil Lumber company has complained to the state railroad commission that the rates on lumber on the Mount Hood railroad are too high. The Bridal Veil Lumber company also claims that the Oregon Lumber company is owned by the railroad and that this company gets a much lower rate than other shippers.

DATES FOR OXFORD TESTS.

Applicants for Examination Must Be Present October 19 and 20.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The next qualifying examination for Rhodes scholarships for Oregon will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19 and 20, 1909. The place for holding the examinations has not yet been definitely determined, but heretofore they have been held at the University of Oregon. The university will have several candidates for the examinations and it is probable there will be a number from other parts of the state. Owing to the fact that no other means are provided for meeting the expenses of the examination a fee of \$5 will be charged each applicant.

The rules governing the examinations provide that all applicants must have reached, before going into residence at Oxford, at least the end of their sophomore or second year work at some recognized degree granting university or college. The scholarships are of the value of 300 pounds a year, and are tenable for three years. Each candidate must be unmarried, must be a citizen of the United States and be not less than 19 or more than 25 years of age on October 1 of the year for which he is elected. One student only will be chosen from this state.

Oregon now has two students at Oxford, Edward J. Winans, from Willamette university, and Wistar W. Johnson, from the University of Oregon. Johnson is taking mining engineering and Winans a literary course.

Delegates to Irrigation Congress.

Salem—C. N. McArthur, speaker of the last house, appointed five delegates to the National Irrigation congress, which is to be held at Spokane, August 9 to 14. The members of the house committee on irrigation at the last session received the appointment. They are W. H. Brooke, of Harney and Malheur; John P. Rusk, of Walla Walla; Henry M. McKinney, of Baker county, and J. C. Bryant, of Multnomah county.

Brick Plant Machinery Arrives.

Rainier—The task of unloading the machinery for the big brick plant of the Rainier Face Brick & Clay company has begun and the work of getting out the clay for the manufacture of white pressed brick will begin at once. The company will employ 25 men at first, but will steadily increase the force as the large plant is put into operation, until ultimately a force of 150 men will be employed.

Salary Increase in Union.

Salem—Average salary paid male teachers in Union county the past year was \$72 against \$70 the year before, according to the annual report of Superintendent E. E. Bragg filed in the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The salary of female teachers has increased during the same time from \$30 to \$53.75.

Trout for Eastern Oregon.

Sumpter—Several thousand young trout from the government fish hatchery at Oregon City are being planted in streams near Sumpter. The shipment of young fish is in charge of a man from the hatchery and every care is being taken to make the stocking of the streams a success.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem nominal; club, \$1.17; valley, \$1.17.
Corn—Whole, \$37 per ton; cracked, \$38.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@42 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@23; mixed, \$16@20; alfalfa, \$14.
Grain Bags—5¢ each.
Fruits—Strawberries, \$2.50 per crate; cherries, 60¢ per pound; gooseberries, 40¢; apricots, \$1.40@1.50 per box; currants, 8¢ per pound; logberries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1.25@1.40; black caps, \$2; blackberries, \$2.
Potatoes—\$1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2½¢@2½¢ per pound.
Vegetables—Beans, 6¢; lettuce, head, 25¢ per dozen; onions, 12½¢@15¢; parsley, 35¢; peas, 50¢ per pound; radishes, 15¢ per dozen; spinach, 5¢ per pound.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 28¢; fancy outside creamery, 26½¢@27½¢; store, 18¢. Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 28¢ per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 14¢@15¢; springs, 19¢; roosters, 8¢@9¢; ducks, young, 12¢@13¢; geese, young, 9¢@10¢; turkeys, 18¢; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.
Pork—Fancy, 17½¢@18¢ per pound.
Veal—Extras, 19¢@20¢; ordinary, 7¢@8¢; heavy, 7¢.
Hops—1909 contracts, 16¢ per pound; 1908 crop, 11¢@12¢; 1907 crop, 7¢; 1906 crop, 4¢.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@23¢ per pound; valley, 23¢@25¢; mohair, choice, 24¢@25¢.
Cattle—Top steers, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.
Hogs—Best, \$8.25@8.50; fair to good, \$7.75@8; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.
Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, ½¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5@5.25.

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